(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the extent of loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted into the causes of the fire and whether any sabotage is suspected; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fire broke out in the cable gallery and cable tunnel connecting the Switchyard to the Power House Control room causing damage to transformers, cables and control panels. The loss is estimated to be of the order of about Rs. 3 crores.

(c) and (d) The cause of the fire and the extent of damage would be known after the report of the Enquiry Committee is available.

Short supply of insulin in the country

2052. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous short supply of insulin in the country;

(b) if so, by what percentage the demand for insulin is met from within the country and what is the annual rate of its imports to meet the demand; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to ensure adequate supply of insulin for the diabetic patients in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) This Ministry regularly monitors the availability of all important vital drugs, based on periodical reports of State Drug Controllers. As per available information, there is no shortage of insulin in the country, at present.

Non-availability of Salzopyrin drug in Delhi and Allahabad

2053. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that for the last two months Salzopyrin drug is not available in the market specially at Delhi and Allahabad and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to make the drug available in the market?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) This Ministry regularly monitors the availability of all important vital drugs, based on the periodical reports of State Drug Controllers. As per available information, no reports of shortage of drug referred to in the question at Delhi and Allahabad were received in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of bicycle components and diary equipments

2054. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to reserve the production of certain bicycle components and items of dairy equipments to certain medium and large scale industries, and

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor?